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ST STEPHEN MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he. — Father John Muir



**OUR LADY OF THE BIBLE
MASS AND
FEAST DAY CELEBRATION**
Mass December 1st - 4th
8:30a.m.
Feast Day Celebration
after Mass on the 4th.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

December 5, 2025

Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
3:00 P.M.—5:30 P.M.

Mass
6:00 P.M.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, December 8th
8:30a.m. Mass &
7:00p.m. (Bilingual Mass)

Advent Penance Service

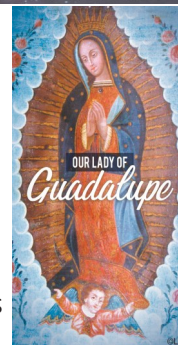
Thursday, December 11th
at 7:00P.M.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Novena Rosary (in Spanish)
December 3rd thru 11th at
7:00p.m.

Mañanitas Mass
Friday, December 12th
Mass will begin at 6:00a.m.
Celebration to follow after Mass
in the Parish Hall.

(No 8:30a.m. or 6:00p.m. Mass on this day)



Advent Reflection

"The Incarnation of Jesus Christ."

December 18th at 7:00p.m. in the Church

This is the truth that the eternal Son of God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, took on human flesh, becoming fully human while remaining fully God. The incarnation has captivated the hearts of many saints across the centuries, revealing God's infinite mercy and the path to our salvation. In this talk, we'll explore the Incarnation through the wisdom of various saints—Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, and Athanasius. Questions such as, Why did God choose this way to redeem us, How does it unite divinity and humanity, and What does it mean for our lives today, will be explored. Please come and join us, and let our hearts be open to the divine love that entered our world this Advent season.

Fr. Joseph Magdaong
Pastor

Fr. Ali Kanissius
Associate Pastor

Armando & Irene Estrada
Deacon Couple

Alicia Vazquez
Office Manager

Dale Ann Torbey
Business Manager

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

5:00 PM (English)

Sunday

7:00 AM (English)

9:00 AM (Spanish)

11:00 AM (Indonesian)

1:00 PM (English)

Monday—Saturday

8:30 AM (English)

Perpetual Help Novena Mass

6:00 PM (English)

Friday

6:00 PM (Bilingual)

Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
No Appointment needed

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
9:00 AM—6:00 PM
(closed 1:00PM -
2:00 PM for lunch)

Please call the parish office
for assistance or to schedule
an appointment.

*"We are a diverse faith
community that strives
to conform ourselves
into the image of Christ
in and through the
power of the Holy Spirit,
and nourished by The
Word, Sacraments and
Tradition to give glory
to God and to be a light
unto the nations."*

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iVayamos
a la casa del Señor!

**MEDITACIÓN DEL
EVANGELIO ALENTAR
UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS
PROFUNDO
DE LA ESCRITURA**

El Adviento es un tiempo litúrgico de mucha esperanza. Hoy damos comienzo al ciclo A, y será el Evangelio de Mateo el que nos ayude a caminar durante este tiempo de gracia. Mateo, llamado también Leví, fue uno de los que Jesús quiso tener entre sus doce apóstoles. Él nos ayudará a ver que la esperanza está más cerca que nunca; que el anuncio de paz consiste en: Estén alerta, no se duerman, vigilen hasta entrada la noche. “Por eso estén despiertos, porque no saben en qué día vendrá el Señor” (Mateo 24:42). Un año más ha llegado, y se nos invita no a tener miedo, sino más bien a tener la intención de despertar, prestar atención y velar, para descubrir y seguir cómo será el paso de Dios en mi vida en este Adviento.

Esperanza y vigilia es lo que la Iglesia nos propone en este jubileo, y el Adviento es el momento de estar despiertos, como los pastores que supieron escuchar la noticia de que, en la ciudad de David, había nacido un Salvador. ¿De qué formas estaré despierto o despierta en este Adviento? Puede ser que reciba a Cristo de una forma diferente a otros años, con un espíritu de vigilancia y compromiso hacia mi familia y mi comunidad. Jesús, ayúdame a girar mi corazón hacia ti, para que al hacerlo pueda ver con una mirada nueva la búsqueda de la verdad y la justicia que tanto necesitamos en la familia y en la sociedad. ¡Ven, Señor!



Luz del Espíritu Santo
Grupo de Oración

Rosario de la Virgen de Guadalupe
miércoles 3 de diciembre
las 7:00p.m.

Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento

jueves 11 de diciembre
a las 7:00 p.m.



Rosario a la Virgen de Guadalupe

3 a 11 de diciembre a las 7:00p.m.

Misa de Mañanitas

12 de diciembre 6:00a.m.
habrá una celebración en el
salon parroquial después de
la Misa.

No habrá Misa de 8:30a.m. y
6:00p.m. en este día.



**NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA BIBLIA
MISA Y CELEBRACIÓN**

Misa del 1 al 4 de diciembre
8:30a.m.

Habrará una celebración
después de la misa del día 4.

Querida familia parroquial,

Nos complace anunciar que nuestro proyecto de reparación de la tubería de gas de la calefacción está en marcha. La construcción comenzó el 14 de noviembre en el jardín parroquial. Este trabajo nos permitirá calentar nuestra iglesia durante la temporada de invierno.

Qué es lo que se puede esperar:

La iglesia estará un poco fría en los días de bajas temperaturas. Por favor, vístanse adecuadamente para que su asistencia a Misa sea más cómoda.

Algunas áreas del jardín parroquial permanecerán cerradas durante este tiempo.

Es posible que haya algunas molestias por el ruido.

Prevemos que este proyecto estará terminado para la segunda semana de diciembre, y les pedimos su comprensión, paciencia y apoyo durante este período. Haremos todo lo posible para completar este proyecto lo antes posible. Estamos trabajando no solo con herramientas y materiales de construcción, sino también con fe y unidad. Gracias por sus continuas oraciones y apoyo mientras inverti-

Adoración del Santísimo
5 de diciembre 2025

Adoración del Santísimo
3:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Misa
6:00 P.M.

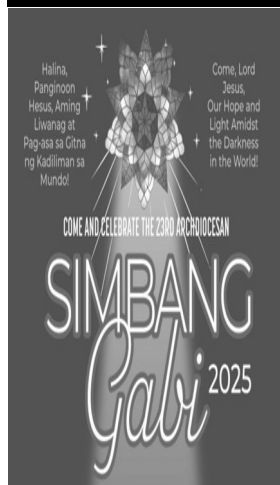


(Día de obligación)
8 de diciembre
**INMACULADA
CONCEPCIÓN**

8:30a.m. Misa (Inglés)
7:00p.m. Misa (Bilingüe)



NOVEMBER 30, 2025 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Cathedral of Our Lady
of the Angels**
Monday, Dec. 15th at 5:45p.m.

St. Stephen Martyr Church
Tuesday - Friday
Dec. 16th - 19th and 22nd - 23rd
at 6:30p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 20th
at 5:00p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 21st at 1:00p.m.
(Mass celebrant will be
Bishop Brian Nunes)

Dear Church Family,

We are excited to announce that our heater gas line repair project is moving forward! Construction began on November 14th in the Gathering Place. This work will allow us to be able to heat our church during the winter season

What to expect:

The church will be a little chilly on cold days. Please dress accordingly to make your attendance at Mass more comfortable.

Parts of the Gathering Place will be closed to all access during this time.

There may be some noise disruptions.

We anticipate that this project will be completed by the second week of December, and we ask you for your understanding, patience and support during this time. We will do our best to have this project completed as early as possible. We are working not just with tools and bricks, but with faith and unity. Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we invest in the future of our church community.



We would like to thank you for your continued generosity to St. Stephen Martyr Parish.

At this time of the year, many individuals and businesses select organizations to make a last minute donation that qualifies as a 2025 tax deduction.

Our parish is a 501C non-profit organization. Your donation will enable us to minister, complete special projects, strengthen our operational budget and enhance our faith community, enriching the lives of the members of the Catholic Faith. Please consider our parish as a recipient of your valuable year-end donation.

Please visit www.ststephenmpk.org to make an online gift. You may also send in a check directly to the parish office.

Thank you again for your continued generosity and we wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025

5:00 pm Rick Erhard (D)
Armando Tarin (D)
Raquel Corona - Happy Birthday!!!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

7:00 am Irene Tjakrawinata (D)
Del Sabado (D)
Tina Ran (L)
9:00 am Jose y Josefa Fernandez (D)
Hugo Fressle (D)
Andres Islas - Cumpleaños
Christina Martinez - Cumpleaños
1:00 pm Julio Vazquez Centeno (D)
Jaqueline Vazquez Sanchez (D)
Maria Guadalupe Gonzales (D)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025

8:30 am Guadalupe Becerra (D)
Francisco Morales (D)
Paula Martija (D)
Raquel Corona - Happy Birthday!!!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025

8:30 am Maria De Jesus Garcia (D)
Gaudelia Garcia (D)
Juan Sandoval (D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025

8:30 am Maria Elena San Juan (D)
Rosario San Juan (D)
Julia Olvera (D)
6:00 pm Arcadio Pablo (D)
Ines Manalastas (D)
Marceliono Surga (D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025

8:30 am Jesus De Garcia (D)
Concepcion Garcia (D)
Rosario Paniagua (D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025

8:30 am Sandy Garrin (D)
Patricio & Jacobo Pablo (D)
Marita Hernandez (D)
Mercedes Rodriguez (D)
6:00 pm Manuel Santos Ibarra (D)
Hermelinda Ibarra (D)
Severian Ibarra Ascona (D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

8:30 am Maria Lam (D)
Anna Mai (D)
Kika Perales - Happy Birthday!!!

Please Pray For... Lung - Tam Family, Rosalie Pinto, Augie & Annamae Koch, Jesusita Serrano, Alicia Valdez, Armando Romo, Dolores Munoz, Alicia Islas, Denise Gonzales, Laura Sesti, Guadalupe Ayala, Rigoberto Alvarenga, Helen Rivera, Margarita Aude-lo, Amelia Barraza, Alicia Nunez, Carlos Espinoza Ornelas, Vikky Rogers, Michael Anthony Barraza, Tina Ran, Leo Sanchez

To insure that the prayer list is accurate, please contact the parish office on a monthly basis if you would like for your name to remain on the list.